

I write to express my unequivocal opposition to H.B. 5326, "An Act concerning Compassionate Aid in Dying for Terminally Ill Patients." That those dedicated to the healing arts may be the agents of intentional, direct termination of human life flies in the face of common sense and logic. That such a bill is being entertained by the Public Health Committee is self-contradictory. That Belgium, which adopted such legislation a number of years ago, has recently extended its application to children should give pause; once embarked upon, this path has already taken a society to an unspeakable place. Having experienced first-hand the increasingly downward spiral and horrors of state-approved termination of life, Austria and Germany have introduced constitutional amendments to ban the activity which H.B. 5326 would approve. It is my fervent hope that this bill which will deal death will die in committee. Its adoption and the subsequent ramifications are abhorrent.

Sincerely,
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